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Appn. Filed: January 16, 2001
Applicants: Thomas W. Krause and Philip R. Krause
Title: Method and apparatus for providing customized date information
Examiner/GAU: Fred I. Ehichioya/2172
Date: August 9, 2004

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Summary of Record of Interview

Date of Interview: 06 July 2004 (Interview summary form PTOL-413 mailed 09 July 2004)

Participants: Examiners: Shahid Alam, Fred Ehichioya,
Pro Se Applicant: Philip Krause

1) Brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted:

The invention was previously demonstrated via the internet (currently available at <http://www.oldas.com>) at the interview of 09 September 2003. The Examiners declined an additional demonstration of the invention.

2) Identification of the claims discussed:

Claims 1, 3, 4, 14, 18, and 21 were discussed.

3) Identification of the specific prior art discussed:

USPN 6,546,399 and USPN 6,065,002

4) Identification of the proposed principal amendments discussed:

Amendment to claim 1 (see below)

5) Brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the Examiner, and 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed:

The current status of the application was discussed. A final Office Action was mailed on 4/7/04. The Applicant attempted to schedule an interview before responding to the final O.A., however, the Examiner stated that the file was unavailable due to scanning, and that an interview could not be held. Thus, the Applicant responded to the final O.A. on 6/7/04. Continued efforts to schedule an interview ensued, and the interview was ultimately held on 7/6/04.

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In the final O.A., the independent claims 1, 14, and 18 were rejected. Claim 4 was objected to, and it was stated that this claim could be acceptable if written in independent forms, to also include all intervening claims to claim 1 (i.e., claim 3).

At the beginning of the interview, the Examiners indicated that it would be acceptable to re-write claim 4 independently, but such that it would be dependent only on claim 1 (i.e., removing the necessity to include the limitations of claim 3).

The Applicant and the Examiners discussed the Examiner's principle objection to claim 1. As the Applicant understood this objection, the Examiner did not consider the phrase "bearing a pre-defined mathematical relationship to the age of said first individual" to substantially limit the claim (as was the intent of the Applicant, and as was explained in the amendment of 21 January 2004). Thus, a potential amendment that would address this concern, without requiring additional limitations in claim 4 not germane to this issue was discussed at the interview. The proposed amendment to claim 1 was as follows:

- 1) A computer-implemented method for providing a user with age-event information comprising:
 - a) receiving an input signal;
 - b) determining age information from said input signal; and
 - c) providing an output signal comprising age-event information corresponding to said age information;

wherein said age information comprises ~~information related to the age of a first individual on a specific date~~ and said age-event information comprises information regarding an event that occurred in the life of a second individual when said second individual was at an age ~~bearing a pre-defined mathematical relationship equal to the age of said first individual on said specific date.~~

The Examiners indicated that this amendment appeared to address the concerns listed in the Office Action of 4/7/04.

7) General results or outcome of the interview

The Examiners requested that the applicant re-write the claims using this proposed language in each of the independent claims, and fax the proposed revised claims to Mr. Alam at 703-746-5621, so that they could be entered as an after-final Examiner's amendment.

In addition, the Examiner requested that the Applicant file a recordation of assignment, so that when a patent is issued, no conflict would arise with regard to the Co-Inventor,

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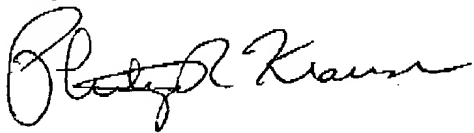
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who is currently an employee of the USPTO and who has not been involved in this application since its filing (prior to joining the USPTO).

The Applicant stated that he would be out of town for the next three weeks, but committed to perform these actions on July 7, 2004. The Applicant believed that the implication of these recommendations was that allowance of a patent was imminent, based on the discussion and proposed claim revisions.

The above represents the Applicant's summary of the interview that took place on July 6, 2004.

Very Respectfully,



Philip R Krause
Applicant Pro Se
August 9, 2004

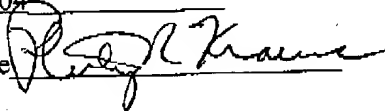
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